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CBS News' Major Garrett interviews Governor
Kristi Noem

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1 MAJOR GARRETT: Several prominent
2 Republicans have had their names floated as a
3 possible running mate for President Trump, should
4 he claim the Republican nominee. One of them is
5 South Dakota's governor, Kristi Noem and she
6 joins us now. Governor Noem, always good to see
7 you.

8 To the degree you might want to
9 dispense advice tonight to Nikki Haley, what
10 would it be?

11 KRISTI NOEM: Well, I would just tell
12 her it's never a good thing if people are voting
13 for you only because they're against someone
14 else. People don't know what she stands for,
15 what she believes. She's been on both sides of
16 many different issues, and at this point it's
17 time for her to get out of the race.

18 So, I would hope that she would do that
19 for the good of the country, recognizing that the
20 Republican Party has obviously chosen President
21 Donald Trump as their nominee and that it's time
22 to really fight for this country, to fight
23 against the policies of Joe Biden that really are
24 wrecking every family's budget and allowing this
25 invasion over our southern border.

1 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Noem, when you
2 look at the results in the contest so far, Haley
3 clocks at around 25-30, sometimes 35, maybe 40
4 percent on our her best day. Does that give you
5 any concern about the solidity of the Republican
6 coalition going into a general election?

7 KRISTI NOEM: No, I think she's
8 underperforming, honestly. And I think she
9 thought she would do better. She's not. It
10 should be a reality check for her. And I think
11 it shows that Republicans are united. And I
12 would say that going into this election cycle,
13 that's a very good thing. We've been in
14 different circumstances in election cycles in the
15 past and it's interesting to watch tonight play
16 out because the Super Tuesday is actually pretty
17 boring, Major. There's not a lot going on
18 because we all knew President Trump would win.
19 He's doing just as well as we all expected him to
20 do because we loved his policies.

21 Every family did better when he was in
22 the White House than they are under Joe Biden,
23 and that's really the story -- is people are
24 feeling the elevated gas prices, they can't
25 afford their groceries and they're really

1 wondering how this country could tank so quickly
2 in just three short years.

3 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Noem, you had
4 a meeting with the former president recently,
5 about two and a half hours I'm told. Was that to
6 discuss a possible inclusion of you on the
7 ticket, should he become the nominee?

8 KRISTI NOEM: Well, I've known
9 President Trump for years. We worked together.
10 I supported him in 2016. When I was in Congress
11 we worked on tax reform. So, we covered a lot of
12 different topics, so I probably won't discuss our
13 private conversations.

14 MAJOR GARRETT: When you think about
15 that, possibly being on the ticket, you would
16 also have to think about possibly becoming vice
17 president, and anyone who's in that position has
18 to think about possibly becoming president. So,
19 in that context alone, do you think a president,
20 whether it's former President Trump or any
21 occupant of the White House, should have what the
22 former president has told the Supreme Court he
23 must have, which is absolute immunity for
24 prosecution?

25 KRISTI NOEM: Well, I never heard

1 anybody complain, especially out of the press
2 when President Clinton claimed he needed immunity
3 when Paula Jones sued him. So, I think that we
4 need to make sure that we're treating every
5 president exactly the same and recognize that
6 this is nothing new for what President Trump is
7 talking about.

8 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Noem, you know
9 that was about a civil matter that was outside of
10 the purview of the presidency itself. That's a
11 different circumstance. I'm asking about the
12 president itself, should any president have
13 absolute immunity? Because there are those who
14 are constitutional scholars who say that would
15 create essentially a monarchy in this country,
16 something our founders never intended.

17 KRISTI NOEM: Our country's a republic,
18 and President Trump has defended our freedoms in
19 this republic for many years. I expect him to
20 continue to be able to do that in the White
21 House, and I'm looking forward to his return to
22 Washington, D.C. so we really can fix this
23 country.

24 MAJOR GARRETT: When the former
25 president talks, as he often does, about future

1 immigration policies, he not just mentions
2 executive orders he put in place but he also
3 talks about a mass deportation in this country.
4 And he's also specifically talked about camps to
5 hold people as they are to be deported out of
6 this country. Does any of that make you
7 uncomfortable, even in terms of its optics or
8 practical application?

9 KRISTI NOEM: Oh, Major, these people
10 came into our country illegally. They broke our
11 laws. And our president facilitated that from
12 the White House. So, absolutely. We've seen
13 these countries that hate us empty out their
14 prisons, their mental institutions. They've
15 given us their responsibilities and some of the
16 most dangerous people in the world have made
17 their way to the United States of America.

18 We have to be a country with borders
19 and we have to be supporting deportation to make
20 sure that we actually are a nation of laws and
21 that are people are safe.

22 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Noem, I heard
23 that reference to those who are criminals or from
24 mental institutions. Do you have a sense in even
25 a general way what percentage of those who have

1 crossed illegally that makes up?

2 KRISTI NOEM: I don't. But I do know
3 that for over a year and a half that we've had
4 press reporting that countries such as Venezuela
5 and Cuba have emptied out their prisons and many
6 of the people that they are responsible for
7 taking care of, and they've sent them to America.

8 I've been to the border several times
9 now and I've talked to people who were crossing
10 that border that were told that the border was
11 open, it was time to come here and sent here by
12 their country's leadership. So, we know for a
13 fact that this is facilitated, that the White
14 House has this invasion happening on purpose, and
15 it is to remake the foundation of this country.

16 So, I think the American people have
17 their eyes wide open as to what's happening and
18 how it's undermining this very precious gift that
19 we've been given in the United States of America.

20 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Noem, the
21 Biden-Harris reelection campaign points to the
22 State of the Union as a relaunch moment for the
23 campaign. Is there anything you're going to be
24 looking for Thursday night?

25 KRISTI NOEM: I wish them luck.

1 Everything they've done to try to relaunch that
2 campaign over and over again has been just
3 another misstep, mishap. I expect it to be
4 entertaining. It would be nice if there would be
5 something in there that would give us a little
6 bit of a hope for the future but I'm not
7 expecting much.

8 MAJOR GARRETT: Governor Kristi Noem,
9 thank you so much for your time.

10 KRISTI NOEM: Thank you, Major.

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